

DAIRIES WIN BAN REPRIEVE

Call Meeting to Settle Problems

Dairymen will have 90 days in which to convince home owners that cows and people can live together.

The city council, facing the biggest crowd in remembered history, Tuesday continued for 90 days a public hearing on the proposed ordinance which would ban dairies as of Jan. 1, 1960.

Mayor Albert Isen suggested that home owners, who appeared in droves to protest alleged nuisances caused by the cattle, form a committee, and work out fly, odor and mosquito problems with a committee of dairy owners.

Call Meeting

Stan Voges, owner of Inglewood Farms and leader of a dairyman self-policing committee, said that he hopes to call a meeting with representatives of the home owners Monday at his dairy.

He said he obtained the names of 17 representatives of home owners.

Voges' spokesman for the cattlemen, admitted that in the past the dairymen have been getting by on the barest minimum regulations for operating their businesses.

But, he said, a committee has been formed to make all dairymen maintain maximum cleanliness at their places and do everything possible to eliminate insects and stenches.

Bring Displays

Irate home owners brought household items with fly specks to show that their residences have been subject to flies they claim breed on adjacent farms.

"Children have lost the privilege of playing in their yards," Roy McCain told the council.

Carl Baut complained of stagnant water and a fly menace to public health.

At one point the hearing became so heated that Mayor Albert Isen threatened to "halt it."

This was when home owners loudly "boomed" Sidney Blaisfield, attorney for the dairy owners.

Intervenes

Councilman Willy Blount, who made the original motion to prepare the anti-dairy ordinance, told the audience that "it's time to hoo them, let them tell their side."

The boos came after Blaisfield said that the cattleman want an opportunity to show that they can eliminate the nuisance by a strict self-policing policy.

A. B. Deloia of 3235 W. 160th st., charged that fly specks even got on baby food, and that flies multiply by the trillions.

Fly Ordinance

Arthur McFarland, chief dairy inspector for the county health department, said that the city's newly adopted fly ordinance will give his department greater enforcement powers.

He said his department can not prosecute a public nuisance as such, but will be able to enforce the fly control law.

Although most of the objectors to the dairies were not pleased with the continuance of the hearing, the council explained it is unable to take rash action against the businesses.

"We've got to tread easily. This will wind up in the courts if we do not permit due process of the law," Isen explained.

Seek City Adoption Program

Representatives of Torrance organizations will decide July 7 whether they will "adopt" a foreign city under the President Eisenhower's People to People program.

More than 150 delegates of civic, service, veterans and labor organizations jammed the council chamber Monday to have the program explained to them by three speakers.

The program which provides for the exchange of letters, ideas and visits, is being coordinated by the U. S. Information Agency to provide better world understanding of America by foreign nations.

Although the city will not be selected until the July 7 meeting, Mayor Albert Isen suggested that Torrance might adopt Caracas, Venezuela, scene of the spit attacks on Vice President Nixon. Other cities, including Russian, were suggested by members of the audience.

Speakers were Allan Beal, Snowden Chambers and Mark Bortman, chairman of the President's People to People committee.

Plane Parking Raised

New charges for tie-downs at Torrance Municipal Airport will go into effect July 1 to keep within price ranges charged at other air fields.

Airport Manager Jack Egan recommended that the present \$10 fee be raised to a schedule ranging from \$15 to \$75 per month depending on the weight of the plane.



BEAUTY—Ginger Dubberly, chosen "Miss Torrance," will represent this city in the "Miss California" contest this week as a preliminary to the Miss Universe contest. —Press Photo

Beauty Entrant Selected

Pert Ginger Dubberly won the "Miss Universe" Elimination Contest at the Stadium Theater Saturday Night. The 5'3" beauty will represent Torrance at the "Miss California" contest Saturday at Disneyland in Anaheim.

Second-place honors went to statuette 24 year-old Marge Thompson of Torrance who is an instructor at the CalGym. Third place was captured by an 18-year-old Marilyn Sue Davis of Downey, who is 15. Ten girls, representing seven cities were finalists.

Miss Dubberly, 18, will be a strong contender for Miss California honors according to California beauty experts. The transplanted "Georgia Peach" is now a student at Pasadena City College. She was crowned "Miss Rose" Princess last year, and reached the finals of the "Miss Rheingold" Contest. Ginger received publicity among baseball fans recently when her engagement to youthful Los Angeles pitcher, Don Drysdale, was announced. Her measurements are a pleasing 35-25-35.

Judges included: Thad Omohundry of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department; commercial photographer, Robert Steiner; Miss Florence Blake of the Florence Blake Charm Studio; and Jack Phillips, Chairman of the Torrance Ranchero Days Celebration.

Teacher Denies 'Bribing' Student to Steal for Him

Robert E. Prowell, 35, former Torrance High School teacher, denied that he lured a student to help him steal a hi-fi set from the cafeteria.

Taking the stand in his own defense in Long Beach Superior Court Tuesday, the teacher denied the previous testimony of a former student.

Last week, John Zamrzla, 19, 2626 Cabrillo ave., testified that Prowell gave him an "A" in his science class and paid him \$40 for taking the hi-fi set from the Torrance High School cafeteria and putting it in the teacher's auto.

Prowell is on trial on three counts of burglary and two counts of receiving stolen property.

Zamrzla told the jury that he stole adding machines and a calculator from the school.

Before Prowell took the stand in his own defense, he called several character witnesses. The testimony was expected to go to the jury today.

Free Pool Use Recommended by Recreation Chief

Torrance children will get free admission to the Benstead Plunge on Saturday mornings, if Harry B. Van Bellehem's recommendation is accepted.

The director of parks and recreation suggested that children under the age of 17 be admitted free to the pool on Saturday mornings during the summer only.

He said that last year attendance during Saturday morning was rather light.

BULLETIN

A lone, well-dressed bandit yesterday robbed the Jim Dandy Market at Crenshaw and Torrance blvds. of more than \$2000.

Police from three cities combed the area for the robber, described as between 40 and 45 years old. He reportedly waited for an assistant manager to return to the office, when he shoved a nickel-plated revolver at him.

The holdup man, who wore a business suit and carried a briefcase, escaped in an automobile.

Parade Entries Pour in

Entries for the Torrance Ranchero Days Parade July 26, are pouring in from all parts of Southern California. Police Lt. D. C. Cook, coordinator of the event, announced today.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the event, said that they have received applications from as far north as Santa Maria, and as far south as National City.

Among the entries are equestrian units, bands, majorettes, floats and motor units.

Torrance organizations have been requested to enter floats in the parade, since automobile entries will be discouraged.

Another event of the Ranchero Days, to be held July 23-27, will be the beard-growing contest. Registration blanks may be obtained from Andy Cochran, 1104 Crenshaw blvd., chairman.

Prizes will be awarded in a number of hirsute categories, with the winners to be selected July 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce office, according to Jack Phillips, general chairman.

El Camino Sets Baccalaureate Rites Sunday

Baccalaureate services will be conducted at El Camino College at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Dr. Forrest C. Murdock, president of the college, announced today.

The inspirational message will be delivered in the Campus Theater by the Rev. Dwayne E. Cerbin, pastor of the South Bay Christian Church, to keynote commencement week activities at the college. His topic will be "When God Touches You to Lead."

First Call Sells Car Advertised in Torrance Press

When Stanley LeBon, of 3419 W. 266th st., wanted to sell his car, he did it the easy way. He inserted a classified ad in the Torrance Press.

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Home Owners to Protest Boosts in Assessments

Additional Schools Possible

Any substantial rezoning of industrial and commercial areas to residential purposes will require the construction of additional elementary and high schools.

This was the word from S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools, when questioned at the meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday.

In reply to questions on the result of possible rezoning of a 100-acre industrial tract at Crenshaw and Sepulveda blvds., Waldrip said that if it is approved, and 1000 children move into the development, two more elementary schools will have to be added.

Seek Denial

The application to rezone the land for apartments was recommended for denial by the Planning Commission last week, but final decision will be made by the city council next month.

Waldrip said that if any major construction program has to be undertaken, it will mean higher costs—and higher taxes—to the entire district.

He also pointed out that if any substantial rezoning of present industrial property is approved, and the Victor Precinct is annexed to the Torrance Unified School District, a fifth high school will be needed.

Four Schools

The district business chief explained that presently four high schools, including the new West High School, are deemed sufficient for the needs of the district.

He said the Victor Precinct was annexed to Torrance for municipal services, but that residents could petition to transfer from the Redondo Beach to the Torrance school district in the future.

Home Buy Week

The period of June 21-28, was proclaimed "Buy a Home-First" Week by Mayor Albert Isen.

The Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors has endorsed the program of real estate selling sponsored by the National Association of Real Estate Boards.



PARKED IN PARK—Mayor Albert Isen, behind wheel, and Rev. Milton Sippel, member of the park and recreation commission, sit in city fire engine presented to youngsters at McMasters Park this week. Vintage fire truck was requested by the McMaster Mothers Club to be used as playground apparatus for youngsters. Fire Chief J. J. Benner agreed—after stripping off all salvageable parts. —Press Photo.



BIG STEP—Even though they are only graduating from kindergarten class at Harbor City Christian School, these three valedictorians believe their advancement to the first grade is

important enough for three speeches. Lynn Hazelbaker orates with emphasis as classmates Melanie Thompson and Karen Griffin listen attentively. —Press Photo

Hull Urges Fewer Talks by School Staff Members

A policy governing appearances of school officials at organization meetings is under study by the board of education this week.

The matter cropped up when Dr. J. H. Hull, district superintendent, turned down an invitation by the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association, that a representative explain the school budget at its July 7 meeting.

Dr. Hull said he favored submitting a written report in the interest of time, since city and county officials will appear on the same program.

In a memo to the board, the superintendent said that while the district wants communication with the public, it does not want it with small segments of population, but with organizations with a broad base and through established channels of the school district.

"It is questionable procedure to assign staff members to one small group when it can not be done for all," Dr. Hull said.

"It isn't advisable for the board to permit staff members to continually be tried at the bar of justice of numerous small organizations with an ax to grind. Pressure groups must be faced and identified for what they are, if the board is to retain any semblance of dignity and control of its responsibilities," he declared.

One school official said the administration feels that appearances at late night meetings cuts down the efficiency of staff members during the following day.

Car Overturns, Driver Collapses At Kin's Home

A motorist whose car overturned at an embankment at Del Amo blvd. and Talsman st., Monday night managed to stagger to the home of a relative before he collapsed.

Police said that Theodore Franklin McOsker, Jr., 20, of Long Beach, walked to 4703 Carmelby ave., where he collapsed. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, Long Beach, for back injuries.

Officers said that he had apparently tried to turn the corner at the intersection, when his car slid into an embankment and turned over.

In another accident at Torrance blvd. and Cota st. Saturday night, three persons, including an 11-year-old boy were injured and taken to Torrance-Emergency Hospital.

Officers said the drivers of the colliding vehicles were James Thomas Nady, 24, of 710 Madrid st., and William Lincoln Gibson, 37, of 3213 W. 190th st.

Treated for injuries were Gibson, his son, William L., Jr., and Robert Kulp, 23, of 918 Amapola st.

In a three car collision at Western ave. and Torrance blvd., Saturday, Ruth Joleau Hoffman, 28, of 16432 Manhattan pl., Gardena, received injuries, police said.

Fund Cut May Close Play Lots

A cut-back in county funds may result in the closing of two or three playgrounds.

Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of Parks and Recreation, said that the county will not contribute an anticipated \$15,508 to pay Torrance last year for operating after-school programs on playgrounds.

Van Bellehem said he received a letter from N. S. Johnson, director of the County Department of Parks and Recreation, in which he was informed the county will not pay the money because of a stringent budget review.

The Torrance official said that last year the city operated 15 playgrounds, at a cost of approximately \$5000 each for equipment and salaries.

He said that if the city council trims his own budget requests of \$298,000 by the amount the county contributed last year, he will eliminate two to three playgrounds to balance his budget.

Van Bellehem said he will select the playgrounds with the poorest attendance records for elimination.

Porters Yardage Reopens Today

Porter's Yardage, hit by a fire last year, will hold a grand opening at the same location, 1265 Sartori ave. today.

The store has been in business in Torrance for many years, and will feature even greater values in custom made draperies, curtain fabrics, and yardage materials.

It will remain under the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Porter, well known Torrance business leaders.

Higher Health Charges

Torrance will be asked to pay for the time county health department sanitarians spend in court, and also for overhead involved in rodent control service.

L. S. Hollinger, chief county administrator, said that the city will be asked to approve amendments in its contract to pay for these charges.

FLAG DAY DISPLAY

Roger W. Holmes, exalted ruler of Torrance Elks, today called on all residents and businessmen to display their American flags on Flag Day, Saturday, and cooperate with the Elks "Show Your Color" program.

City Holds Line on Spending

With a tight \$3,981,850 "austerity budget" presented to the city council Tuesday, the city will hold the line on taxes, but aroused home owners will protest huge county assessment hikes at a meeting in Assessor John Quinn's office Wednesday.

City Manager George Stevens presented a balanced 1958-59 budget which is designed to retain the present \$1 per \$100 assessed valuation rate for general funds.

The budget is up 10 per cent this year, but the hike will be set off by a corresponding rise in income.

Stevens, who has already trimmed \$700,000 from departmental requests, said he expects an increase of \$130,000 in sales taxes, but income from some sources is down because of present economic conditions.

New Employees

In line with a retention of the present tax rate, only 23 additional employees will be hired during the next fiscal year.

These will include five firemen and six policemen.

Stevens said that revenues might be increased if the economic trend shows a sudden up-lift.

He pointed out that very little increase in sales tax can be expected from the Del Amo shopping center during the coming fiscal year, but indications are that once it is in operation, a huge boost of additional funds can be expected in following years.

Sets Hearings

The city council accepted the preliminary budget without comment and set hearings on it for June 17 and 24.

While the city is keeping down its expenditures, a group of home owners from Southwood and Southwest Park will march to Quinn's office to protest reports of huge increases in assessments in their areas.

Pat Hogue, president of the Southwood Park Improvement Association, said that average increases in his area will amount to 35 per cent.

He said that assessments in Southwood will be even higher, ranging from 39 to 100 per cent boosts.

Hogue said the areas to be hit hardest by the hikes will be the San Fernando Valley, Vernon, and that section of Torrance bounded by Crenshaw blvd., 190th st., 237th st., and the west city limits.

512 Will Graduate Tonight

All night parties sponsored by the PTAs will follow commencement exercises for Torrance and North High School seniors today.

Torrance High School will graduate 161 boys and 135 girls at rites to be held on the athletic stadium at 7:45 p.m., while 112 boys and 104 girls will receive their diplomas from North High School at 8:15 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Mrs. Grace Wright and Charlton Newborn will hand out the sheepskins at Torrance, while Clifton B. Cooke will do the honors at North High. All are members of the Board of Education.

At the conclusion of the graduation exercises, all-night parties have been planned for the departing seniors by the PTAs of the two schools.

Torrance grads will gather at Pacific Coast Club at 10:30 p.m. and dance and be entertained until 5 a.m. The program includes a chicken dinner at 11 p.m., swimming in the pool, and games.

North High grads will gather at the Western Ave. Country Club from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. with a program of dancing, games and food.